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March 19, 1942

Mr. Abe Manley
Crawford St. near High
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Manley;

The Court St. YMCA is sponsoring a banquet in honor of the colored high school athletes of New Jersey on Saturday, May 2nd, at 8:30 p. m. The object of this banquet is to give recognition to boys who have excelled in athletics and to encourage them to continue their education along with their participation in athletics. We have secured offers from two colleges for full time scholarships to be awarded to these boys and offers from eight more for part scholarships. A number of outstanding athletes, including Jesse Owens, Eulace Peacock, Ray Robinson and John Borican will be present at the banquet and will share in the program.

Knowing of your interest in the furtherance of educational opportunities for Negro boys and for their continued participation in college athletics, the committee in charge of the smoker was unanimous in its belief that you would be a logical person to serve on the committee to plan the banquet and to help judge which of these boys should receive the scholarships. We are having a meeting of this committee on March 24th at 8:30 p. m. and would like to have you present at that time. I am enclosing a self addressed card in order that you may let us know if you are coming.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday night,
we are,

Very truly yours,
Leonard C. Wright, Chairman Committee of Management
James B. Parks, Committee Chairman

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